

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants:

1. Amend claims 1, 5, 6, 7 in the same manner as in the non-entered October 9, 2003 amendment, thereby rendering claims 1 and 3 - 10 allowable in accordance with the indication provided in box 4 of the Advisory Action of October 27, 2003.
2. Cancel claims 11-14 without prejudice or disclaimer.
3. Apprise the Examiner of the simultaneous filing of a divisional application for pursuing claims 11 - 14.

B. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, the Examiner has ample bases for withdrawing all rejections and for allowance of all pending claims. Accordingly, a formal indication of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

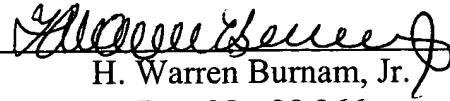
Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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